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SUBJECT.

Training of women as nurses for plague duty.

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To The Secy to Govt.

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FILE No. 22 of 97-98
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Dated 3.3.98 C. Mysore

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General No. 357
Sec. No. 210

Enclosure No. 1

Sir,

I have the honor to forward copy of letter no 31 dated 27.2.98 from the Senior Surgeon & Sanitary Commissioner with the Govt regarding the proposed training of a number of respectable women of the different castes for plague duty.

I consulted Dr Benson on the subject at Mysore today and inspected ten women of different castes selected by him

for duty in the different wards of the Mysore City — Mussalmans & Brahmins & Lingayets were not represented. It was decided that for the present 10 intelligent women from the different communities should be selected & given a training in the counting the pulse, taking the temperature & given instruction in the symptoms generally of fever & of plague with a view to their being utilized in the inspection of houses under the supervision system. As there is not likely to be an immediate call for their services it was further decided that they might be trained in general nursing also in the local hospital

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And their course made to extend over three months.

2 The women selected may get Rs 7 per mensem while under instruction. At the end of the three months they will be discharged but will be liable to be called out for duty at any time if there should be necessity for their services; their pay while on the reserve list being fixed at ~~may be~~ Rs 2 per mensem

3 In Bangalore 14 such nurses will have to be enlisted. As the "Supervision System" ~~has~~ is already introduced there, they will be first instructed in learning the Symptoms of ~~Plague~~ plague

and immediately
sent out to go with
the Inspecting parties.

The mornings may be
devoted to inspection
and the afternoons
to receiving instruction ~~training~~ in the
hospital. Their pay
may be fixed at Rs 7
for the present & raised
to 8 & 10 Rs as they
shew progress in their
lessons. and their services
are rejected for actual Marine duty

4. In submitting
the above scheme for
the sanction of Govt
I beg that the necessary
funds may be placed
at the disposal of the
Senior Surgeon for the
carrying it out

I have &c

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No 396 / Mis 226 dt 9/3/98

Copy forwarded to the Senior Surgeon for information with the request that the selection and training of women may be undertaken in anticipation of the sanction of the Govt.

(Sd) P. P. Madhava Rao.
Plague Commr.

No 397-8 / Mis 227 dt 9/3/98

Copy forwarded to the Presidents of Municipalities of Bangalore & Mysore etc.

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No 131
27-2-98.

From
The Senior Surgeon and Sanitary
Commissioner with the Government of
Mysore.

Mis 15/1/3-98

Enclosure to Sl. 1

To

SECTION Squr
FILE No 97

The Plague Commissioner,
Bangalore.

I inspected today
the women
& Offt Cadre
selected by Sir,
the Senior
Surgeon for
duty in the
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Mysore City
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I have the honor to draw your attention to the fact that at present there are no less than 6 Midwives employed on Plague duty, that is, in the inspection of female passengers at Harihar, Jeswantpur, Mysore and Goribidanur and two at Bowringpet; the result being that their services are almost entirely lost to the inhabitants of the towns they live in, as they are more or less unable to discharge both duties. At each of the places where they are employed there is in addition an Assistant or Sub-Assistant Surgeon and in two cases a Lady Apothecary to whom they report any case of Sickness they (may) come across. Consequently their duties are not of a very responsible nature; and it is questionable whether they would not be better employed in their legitimate duties.

In view of the introduction of the Supervision System into the City of Bangalore a number of women will be required; as it it is highly probable that men will not be allowed into a Considerable number of houses. To supply Midwives to meet these requirements is simply impossible, as they are not to be had. I would therefore suggest with your approval that a Class should be opened at the Maternity where intelligent women selected by the Rais of different Communities might be trained sufficiently to be able to count the pulse and take the temperature and be acquainted with the general Symptoms of fevers and of Plague. A course of say a fortnight would in my opinion be ample; and when qualified they might take the place of the Midwives at the places already noted, and there might be, say, one woman to every Subdivision of the town, where they would of course be placed under the orders of the Rais of that Sub division; and it would be their duty to report to the Rais any case of fever or other illness of a Suspicious nature.

My object in making these suggestions is 1st, to allow of the Midwives already engaged on Plague

duty to attend to their legitimate work

Secondly to popularise as much as possible the System of Supervision within the limits of Bangalore, as I am convinced that the leading members of the several Communities would more readily carry out the System of Supervision of women whom they know were available for work under them in their respective districts.

Enclosure to No. 1

Regarding their pay, I am of opinion that a monthly salary of not more than Rs 8. would be ample However I leave this point for you to decide.

Yours truly
[signature]

Senior Surgeon & Sanitary Commissioner
with the Govt of Mysore.

Proceed to Rs 7 for
the present & raised
to 8 to 10 Rs as they
show progress with
[illegible] their services

Letter Dy 201 for
sanction to the expense
for Bangs 22 Nov 1888 Rg

duty to attend to their legitimate work secondly to popularise as much as possible the System of Supervision within the limits of Bangalore, as I am convinced that the leading members of the several Communities would more readily carry out the System of Supervision of women whom they know were available for work under them in their respective districts.

Enclosure to Ltr. 1

Regarding their pay, I am of opinion that a monthly salary of not more than Rs 8. would be ample However I leave this point for you to decide

Surgeon Major

Senior Surgeon & Sanitary Commissioner with the Govt of Mysore

Accepted Rs 7 for the present & recommend 4 Os 10 Hrs as they show progress in their duty Thereon

Letter Dft 1 for sanction & the reference for Enclosures 2 & 3 [illegible]

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Mis Dept No. 196
11-3-98

Proceedings of the Government of Mysore. 3

Read

SECTION Diary No: 387 Mis 10
FILE No Officer in Admin charge
SER VI No 2

Letter dated 3rd March 1878 from the Officer in Administrative charge of Plague Prevention Measures (enclosing proposals regarding the election and training of nurses for plague duty)

Order thereon: No. 11213-5 Mis 421-96

Dated, Bangalore, 11 March 1898.

The proposed selection of 10 women from the different Communities for the Mysore City and 4 for the Bangalore City, and their training for Plague duty in connection with inspections &c are approved

The former will receive a pay of Rs 7 each per mensem during the first 3 months, when they will be under training, and also whenever they are called out for duty, and Rs 2 while on the Reserve list. The pay of the latter will be fixed for the present at Rs 7 per mensem, and raised to Rs 8, rising to Rs 10, if they show progress in their lessons and their services —

Services are required for actual Plague duty.

For Secretary.

Comptd
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To,

The Officer in administrative Charge of
Plague Prevention Measures.

The Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner
with the Government of Mysore.

The Comptroller to the Government of Mysore.

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Treasury Account DEPARTMENT

1898

From The Comptroller, Govt of Mysore.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE 28 MAR 98

OFFICE OF THE PLAGUE COMMITTEE 28 MAR 1898 IN MYSORE

To The Chief Officer in charge Plague Prevention Measures

Dated Bangalore

Despatched 29 March.

Received

General No. 7035

No. 2100

Enclosure No.

SECTION Sanry

FILE No. 22 Plg 97-98

Sub-No. 3

Ack therein vide Surgeon 30/3/98

With reference to Proceedings No. 11213-5 dated 7.21-96 11th instant Sanctioning the selection of women for plague duty—have the honor to request that the following information may be

furnished to enable this office
issue necessary instructions t
the Treasury Officers Concerne
for the disbursement of the
pay.

(1) Their names.

(2) Whether they are under training
or on the Reserve list.

(3) The date of their appointmen

(4) The Officer who is authorise
to draw their pay.

W. Matthews
Comptroller

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Draft for office

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To

The Senior Surgeon 2
Sanl Comr. with the
Govt.

No 694 dd 2/4/98
Mis 287
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Dated

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Letter No 7035 / 2100 dt
the 29th March 1898 from
the Comptroller to the Govt
requesting to be furnished
with certain information
regarding the names, pay,
date & entertainment &c &c
nurses sanctioned by Govt
for plague duty.

In forwarding copy
of the above, has the hono
to request that the Senior
Surgeon will be so good as

to furnish the undersigned
with ~~all~~ the information
called for
~~requested~~ by the Comptroller.

Plague Comm'r.